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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:**

**Guy L. Clifton**

**SERIAL NO.: 10/068,221**

**FILED: February 6, 2002**

**FOR: Retractor And/Or Distractor  
For Anterior Cervical Fusion**

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**GROUP ART UNIT: 3732**

**EXAMINER: David C. Comstock**

**ATTY DOCKET NO.: 26060/06**

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
**MAIL STOP RESPONSES**  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action of December 24, 2003, the following  
Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted.

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